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Letter dated 21 January 1991 addressed to the Secretary-General by the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations

I have the honour to enclose the text, in French and English, of the statement issued on 18 January 1991 by the European Community and its 12 member States following the Iraqi attack against Israel.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35 and 153, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jean FEYDER
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Annex

Statement issued on 18 January 1991 by the Twelve States members of the European Community following the Iraqi attack against Israel

By launching a non-provoked and entirely unjustified missile attack on Israeli territory last night, Saddam Hussein is aiming, through a cynical and deliberate provocation, to draw Israel into the Gulf conflict.

The Community and its member States strongly condemn this attack, which represents a further violation of international law by the Iraqi authorities.

They express their sympathy to the Israeli people.

Recalling that Israel's right to security constitutes one of the fundamental principles of the policy of the Community and its member States in the Middle East, they do hope that Israel will not be drawn into the conflict.

Under the present circumstances, every restraint displayed by Israel must be interpreted as a sign of strength and not of weakness.